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scarlet fever and anti-hydrophobia sera. The amount produced of any type of serum was never disclosed. The entire Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology is under the administrative supervision of the NKVD.

In 1931 the Soviet government charged that throughout the USSR, Soviet bacteriologists were producing a type of serum hich, when used by the troops of the Soviet army would disable them.

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all but three bacteriologists in the USSR were purged. Professors (fnu) Korshun, Mikonorov and several other prominent bacteriologists of the USSR were executed and all but three were sent to Turkestan. The three bacteriologists who remained in activity after the purge of 1931 were Professor (fnu) Savchenko of the Institute of Epidemiology of Krasnodar, Professor (fnu) Gamlay of Kharkov who died during World War II and another professor from Leningrad

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After the death of Professor Savchenko in 1932, he was succeeded by his assis-25X1 tant Professor (fnu) Rosnotovsky who remained until his disappearance in 1936. Rosnotovsky's disappearance was probably due to his anti-Communist feelings. Professor (fnu) .Lexeev succeeded Rosnotovsky in 1936 [

Alexeev was a pupil of Savchenko and very highly re-25X1

garded. He is pro-Communist.

The Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology had very high standards for the preparation of vaccines and sera. . The staff was small, in fact, it consisted of only two professors in 1943, but it produced large amounts of vaccines and sera. . After the purge of 1931, the NKVD supervised the operation of all Soviet institutes which produced vaccines and sers. Every vening the NKVD counted each ampule of vaccine and allware sealed before they were refrigerated over night.

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